

Application No. 09/588,495
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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 8-12 and 15-22 are pending in this application. Please cancel claims 17-20 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 8, 15 and 16 as shown below.

This following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-7 (CANCELED):

8 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A data communication apparatus comprising:

a first transmission unit, arranged to transmit a URL representing the existence of additional information to a transmission destination;

a reception unit, arranged to receive a reply from the transmission destination for the URL transmitted by said first transmission unit;

a generating unit, arranged to generate a markup language file including the additional information to be accessed by the transmission destination; [[and]]

a second transmission unit, arranged to transmit the markup language file including the additional information based on the reply received by said reception unit;

a printing unit, arranged to print an image in accordance with the additional image based on the reply received by said reception unit; and

a control unit, arranged to control such that the transmission by said second transmission unit or the printing by said printing unit is performed in accordance with the contents of the reply received by said reception unit.

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9 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said second transmission unit transmits the additional information in a manner different from that of said first transmission unit.

10 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said second transmission unit transmits the additional information to a terminal different from a terminal to which the data was transmitted by said first transmission unit.

11 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a link to a location of the additional information is set in the data URL transmitted by said first transmission unit.

12 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a processed content based on the reply received by said reception unit is further transmitted to the transmission destination.

13-14 (CANCELED):

15 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A data communication method comprising:

a first transmission step of transmitting a URL representing the existence of additional information to a transmission destination;

a reception step of receiving a reply from the transmission destination for the URL transmitted in said first transmission step;

a generating step of generating a markup language file including the additional information to be accessed by the transmission destination; [[and]]

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a second transmission step of transmitting the markup language file including the additional information based on the basis of the reply received in said reception step;

a printing step, arranged to print an image in accordance with the additional image based on the reply received by said reception step; and

a control unit, arranged to control such that the transmission by said second transmission step or the printing by said printing step is performed in accordance with the contents of the reply received by said reception step.

16 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A computer readable medium on which is stored a computer executable program stored in a storage medium, for controlling a data communication apparatus said program comprising code for performing the following steps:

a first transmission step of causing a URL representing the existence of additional information to be transmitted to a transmission destination;

a reception step of receiving a reply from the transmission destination for the data URL transmitted in said first transmission step;

a generating step of generating a markup language file including the additional information to be accessed by the transmission destination; [[and]]

a second transmission step of causing the markup language file including the additional information to be transmitted based on the reply received in said reception step;

a printing step, arranged to print an image in accordance with the additional image based on the reply received by said reception step; and

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a control step, arranged to control such that the transmission by said second transmission step or the printing by said printing step is performed in accordance with the contents of the reply received by said reception step.

17- 20 (CANCELED):

21 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, further comprising an input unit arranged to input image data, wherein the additional information is the image data input by said input unit.

22 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): An apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a storage unit adapted to store the image data in a plurality of forms respective different image quality,

wherein said second transmission unit transmits the image data each of the plurality of forms.